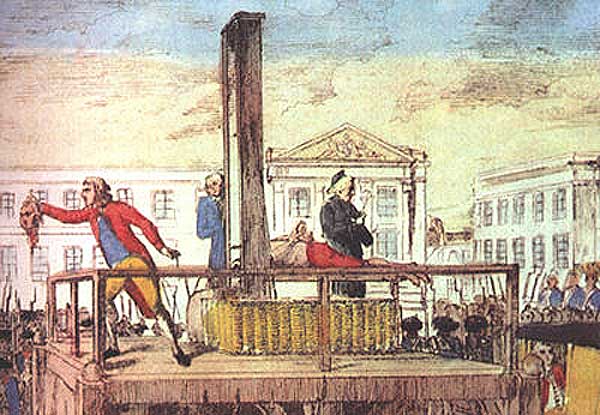
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The clergy is made up of religious leaders who are in control of the church. I sat down with a member of the first estate named John Author. I asked him how he felt about the peasants working on the land he owned, going hungry due to cost of rent and other outrageous taxes. John Author replied “the peasants that work for me are well and alive, certain luxuries are unnecessary at this time. The proceeds that are donated to the church are used where they are needed none is wasted.” If you say that the money is spent where it is needed then can you explain why the commoners can barely afford a loaf of bread? “yes I can the reason for that is because the crops have not been good this harvest and due to that there is less bread and since everyone needs it the demand has gone up there for prices must fallow.” So from my understanding you yourself are a wealthy man. Would you consider giving some of your wealth to the lower class people? “I am a wealthy, wealthier them that is what makes us different. If I were to give to one then i would be expected to give to another brining me down to their level.” Next I spoke to Perry Jones a member of the second estate. I asked him about his properties and if they were inherited or if he had to pay for it out of his own pocket? He said “the land that I own has been owned by my family for generations. I am very glad to own this land and it is quite profitable. Then I asked since you inherited this land you did not have to pay for any of the expenses, so who had to pay for the expenses? And how were expenses paid for? He replied “all of the work done on my land is done by the peasants the crops, the animals and the general labour they do this work in exchange for their homes food and water. I am sure the the peasants live very happily.” Then I asked him since you have a place to live, food to feed your family, and warm clothing to cover your back, how do you feel about the people that work on your land and how little they have? Jones replied “I have to live too and if I give them my belongings then I will have nothing. They are hard workers and probably should get paid more for the work that they do, but that’s the way it is and will always be.” Now I continue my exploration of this unjust way of life by interviewing one of the third estates, a commoner named Ralph sniztal. I asked him how he felt knowing all the hard work he has done in the last couple days is only enough to afford a single loaf of bread, and knowing that it won’t be enough to fill his families stomachs. Ralph replied saying “it is objectifying, it makes me feel less than the dirt I walk on. If I can’t feed my family



With a week’s worth of pay, all my hard work is for nothing.” With the laws being the way they are don’t you fear speaking out against the king? “Of course I fear speaking out against the king, if I were to my whole family could be thrown in jail. My final question for him was would you stand to fight for the rights of your people, would you stand alone if you had to? “Now I would stand up for what is truly right any day, but standing alone would be foolish, I wouldn’t stand a chance. All in all the way the way the first, second, and third estate work together in the economic view of life, is that the rich get richer and poor get poorer. Money is our down fall whether you be rich or poor, a single coin can make or break you especially at a time such as this.

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